

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 13th JULY 2023 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Kay Kirkham
Cllr Richard Smith
Cllr Haydn Cavanagh
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)
2 Members of the public

1/07/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Alun Kitsell and Falak Ahmed. The reasons for absence were approved.

2/07/23 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/07/23 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 8th June, 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Smith.
- b) The outstanding issues report was duly noted. The following additional matters were raised: -
- Cllrs Bryan and Cavanagh have met to discuss the allotments project. Cllr Cavanagh is arranging to meet an Estates Officer from Bradford Council to discuss further.
 - Cllr Cavanagh intends to apply for a Tree Preservation Order to preserve ancient woodland at Goit Stock. The Village Council to consider providing a letter of support at the next meeting.
 - Cllr Bryan expects to have completed the Emergency Plan by September.
 - Cllr Cavanagh to arrange to meet with a resident and the Parks Manager to explore the possibility of providing information on tree species within the Memorial Park.

4/07/23 Public Representation

None. Members of the public present were in attendance to discuss a planning application.

5/07/23 Planning Matters

- a) 23/01865/FUL - Change of use of land from agricultural to private dog walking area. Land at 407833 438014, Ryecroft Road, Harden.
- b) 23/00669/HOU - Single storey rear extension at 10 Firbeck, Harden.

Signed:

14th September 2023

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Resolved: Harden Village Council objects to application 23/01865/FUL for the following reasons: -

1. The car parking provision is barely adequate. Users have been parking on the narrow lane causing obstruction and affecting sight lines for vehicle movements from the site and from the adjacent residential property.
2. There is no provision for waste disposal.
3. There is no provision for toilets or shelter for clients.
4. Signage is not included in the application although there is very large and intrusive, existing sign for Woodland Walkies and another for Bronte Dog Training.
5. There is no indication of whether additional walls or fences may be needed and if so, how these will impact on the green belt.
6. According to residents, some trees have been removed, although none are protected and the application states that none will be removed.
7. The applicant specifically states that there will be no impact on protected or priority species on the site, but residents report bats in the area.
8. There is inadequate information to assess the impact on the conservation area.
9. Activity on the site is having a detrimental impact on residential amenity, with noise from vehicle movements and dog barking causing nuisance to residents of the neighbouring property.

The Council has no objection to application 23/00669/HOU.

(Planning applications can be viewed via Bradford Council's online system <https://planning.bradford.gov.uk/online-applications/>).

6/07/23 Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Members discussed arrangements for a drop-in session in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th July, in addition to an issue raised by a resident regarding incorrect naming and addressing of some non-designated heritage assets.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Bradford Council for advice with regard to correcting the Plan where required.

7/07/23 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)

Members noted that at the YLCA South Pennine Branch meeting on 12th June 2023, Cllr Smith was elected as a Deputy Branch representative to the YLCA Joint Executive Board.

Resolved: To appoint Cllr Smith as the Council's YLCA Branch representative.

8/07/23 Village Warden

Members discussed a proposal to employ a part time Village Warden.

Resolved: To establish a new post of Village Warden based on 7 hours per week and on the terms and conditions outlined in the proposal circulated. The Clerk to advertise the position following the summer recess.

9/07/23 Unity Trust Bank

Resolved: To amend the Council's Unity Trust Bank mandate to add Cllr Smith as an additional signatory and to authorise the Clerk to submit agreed amendments to the bank.

10/07/23 Exchange of Information

Cllr Smith stated he had been researching small scale, hydro power generation and had been in touch with a group in Settle. There are problems with complexity and shortage of space at the former mill pond site off Long Lane.

11/07/23 Correspondence

- a) Email from YLCA re. notice of the joint annual meeting of the YLCA 2023 and invitation to attend. Noted. Cllr Smith may attend.
- b) Email from YLCA re. Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC) Consultation. Noted.
- c) Email from a resident re. Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. Noted.
- d) Email from SELRAP re. update to members, supporters and donors. Cllr Kirkham to follow up.
- e) Email from Bradford Council re. Bradford Local Housing Need Assessment Stakeholder Event on 17th July 2023. Cllr Kirkham to attend.

12/07/23 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,169.15	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£170.88	Mileage & Zoom subscription
YLCA	£74	Training (Cllrs Smith & Cavanagh)
YLCA	£133.60	Off to a Flying Start Webinars
Signs of Cheshire	£3,180	Noticeboard (welcome map)
Impress Printers	£175	Neighbourhood plan flyer printing
Roger Smith	£100	Neighbourhood plan flyer delivery
Rachel Forbes	£240	Horticulture

- b) To note the balances and bank reconciliation reports.

13/07/23 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Smith to prepare a summary statement on small scale hydro power generation for consideration at the next meeting.

14/07/23 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next Village Council meeting will be held on 14th September, 2023 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:25 pm.